

to save their coasts from attack and to compel a peace.

If the shock comes we do not believe that if the battle goes against the Japanese, one single Japanese ship will surrender, but rather that they will fight to the last and go down with all their colors flying. That is, if Russia wins it will only be through the annihilation of their enemy, and such a termination does not seem for a moment probable.

No whale ever yet destroyed a school of sword-fishes.

#### STOP THE BONDS.

The conference storm was a little delayed, but it got in on the late train. It pretty well insures a water supply for this season and supplies another reason why the issuance and sale of the so-called water bonds should be stopped. It is a clear case now that the plan to extend the term of the present city council, to fasten a ninety years' blanket franchise for the Light and Railway company and to secure the bonds to make good all the intended steals were three eggs put under the same hen at the same time. The legislature smashed the first one, the tall feathers of the second were clipped before it was quite hatched, now let the courts fix the third one.

Let the complaint read that it was a conspiracy to defraud the city; that if carried through, will be a perpetual menace to the city through damage suits and that the crude plan proposed can never be effective. Enough proof can be supplied to establish all three counts.

In the meantime the city has, we believe, a high power centrifugal pump. Let it be set above and beyond Liberty park and set in motion to demonstrate whether the water supply is sufficient there to stand the steady working of the pump. If it is, then it will be seen at a glance that it will be better for the city to pump pure water within the city limits, than at the risk of unnumbered damage suits to pump impure water from Utah lake. Then let a commission of practical business men and heavy taxpayers formulate a plan for supplying the city with water and begin the work with a definite idea of how it will be accomplished.

#### MRS. BRANSFORD.

The death of Mrs. Bransford is most sorrowful. She was a perfect wife. By her husband's side she looked unblanched upon poverty and hardship and danger; the wilderness and the frontier had no terrors for her; she had enlisted for life and no obstacle could cause her to retreat or relax in the trust she had assumed. She upheld her husband's hands, and smiled up into his eyes until he forgot the burdens that were heavy upon him. She was a perfect mother. The burdens of maternity, the ceaseless care a little family needs were all borne with smiles by her; she was one of the most kindly and generous of neighbors; her charities always keeping pace if not anticipating her income. When fortune frowned she met the frowns with smiles; when fortune smiled, then, with more solicitude, she searched her own soul to see if she was performing her full duty, and thus, a benediction to those around her, she wore out her life.

Even when the presence of death was near, and her sufferings were most acute, she turned the same cheerful face to those around her and stood between them and the form of the spectre that was darkening the room and passed to her final sleep as one who "wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down as pleasant dreams," for she was "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust."

With ceaseless solicitude her daughters, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Harris watched over and tried to fight back the inevitable, but it was all in vain.

The great suffering that came with her final long illness, in a little way reconciled her friends to her death, through the thought that a painless sleep has come to her, but her children and friends grieve exceedingly over her death.

She was a light to their homes, a constant comfort to their lives, and now that the light has gone out, they sit in the darkness and call her name in vain.

God's peace to the tired woman; God's comfort to those who mourn for her.

The proposed franchise as finally boiled down ties the city hand and foot and lays it on one of the street railway's flat cars. There are no pen-

ties prescribed if the company abuses its trust, no provisions for reducing rates in case the cost of lighting is reduced; the city cannot even condemn and buy the octopus if its exactions become intolerable. It is a jug-handle affair, the handle being in the hands of the monopoly. It is not to late. Kill it.

#### STUDY SPANISH

Our school directors are making a mistake in not having the Spanish language taught in the high schools. We have the Isthmus of Panama, the Philippines, and the expansion of the American people during the next half century must be to the south, where no other language save Spanish is spoken except in Brazil and that is almost the same thing. If the school authorities will not act, then we say to young men who are preparing themselves for a fight for place and fortune, devote an hour a day to the earnest study of the Spanish language until you can read and write it fluently and speak it a little at least. You have no idea of the advantage it will be to you in after life. It will be worth more to you at twenty-one than a generous legacy in money would be.

So Brigham street paving is stopped for an indefinite time, for an indefinite time it is to remain a nuisance and reproach. No plan will exactly suit every one. Why not take the best one in sight and go on and complete it? It has been a disgrace to the city for a full year.

#### TWO GREAT INDUSTRIES.

There is a great present rush to Nevada to explore the old state for valuable metals. Many great finds have already been made, many more will be, and with every one money becomes cheaper, that is, property will become higher—more money will be needed to buy it. The more money obtained the higher will our nation be rated, for the nations know that, as a rule, wars are settled by the longest purses. We suspect that the bank statements of our great cities and the treasury statement of the Government, monthly, have more to do with keeping the world at peace with us, than even Mr. Hay's diplomacy. Hence the getting of gold and the searching for gold are good: to ho-

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